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President: Mr. Park In-kook (Vice-President) ..... (Republic of Korea)

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* No summary record was prepared for the rest of the meeting. A panel discussion was conducted.

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In the absence of Mr. Mérorès (Haiti), Mr. Park In-kook (Republic of Korea), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The discussion covered in the summary record began at 10.15 a.m.

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (*continued*)

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.

A panel discussion on the topic of "Humanitarian challenges related to global food aid, including enhancing international efforts and cooperation in this field" followed. The panel was chaired by Mr. Park In-kook (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the Council, and moderated by Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. The Panellists were Ms. Ismat Jahan, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations; Mr. John M. Powell, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme; Ms. Louise Cord, Sector Manager, Poverty Reduction Group, World Bank; Mr. Jama Gulaid, Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund in Swaziland and Mr. Jim Butler, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.